# NAVAL BILL DEBATED

Mr. Dayton Opposed to Government Armor Plate Plant,

## SHIPS BUILT IN PRIVATE YARDS

Senator Hoar Speaks on the Philippine Question.

INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN

Without preliminary business the House today resumed the consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

Mr. Dayton (W. Va.), a member of the naval committee, the first speaker, con-tended that the naval program outlined in the bill was not an extravagant one. He said it was not as liberal as it should have been, and predicted that larger appropriations would be required in the future. He opposed the building of warships in

government yards. Mr. Wheeler (Ky.) asked if there was not lobby here to defeat the proposition to

build ships in government yards. "I never heard of such a lobby," replied Mr. Dayton "The only lobby I have seen was the lobby of naval constructors, if it uid be called a lobby, arguing in favor of

the proposition I oppose."

Mr. Dayton also opposed the establishment of a government armor plate factory. The government had as well go into coal mining or the production of any other products which it must buy.

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ar. Wheeler asked it the manufacturers of armor plate had ever furnished Congress with the data upon which the cost of armor plate could be determined.

"When I buy a sult of clothes," replied Mr. Dayton, "I do not require the tailor to furnish me the cost of cloth, thread, buttons, tailoring, etc., and I hope to God the time will never come when the American time will never come when the American time will never come when the American government shall compel manufacturers to furnish such details simply to gratify what I consider an impertinent curlosity."
"Did not the government fine the manufacturers for furnishing defective armor?" asked Mr. Wheeler.
"Not defective armor," replied Mr. Dalzell (Pa.), who interposed to reply; "that jurnor was 5 per cent better than the required tests."

as it not full of blowholes?" "Not enough to hurt anything," replied r. Dalzell. "I will discuss the matter

One of the strong reasons urged by Mr. One of the strong reasons urged by Mr. Dayton sagainst the government embarking in the manufacture of armor was the possibility that in a few years the whole scheme of defending ships might change. Already a naval expert had suggested compressed cotton as a substitute for armor.

### THE SENATE.

At the beginning of today's session of the Senate a bill was passed granting to soldiers of the Mexican war pensions of \$12 a month

After the transaction of the routine bus Iness Mr. Hoar addressed the Senate on the hillippine question. Intense interest was manifested in the address by senators. Mr. Hoar's position upon these subjects was well understood, but as it was known, too, that the speech was to be one of the greatest Mr. Hoar had ever delivered, from his point of view, the interest in the utterance

Mr. Hoar took for his text the resolution Mr. Beveridge of Indiana declaring that the Philippine Islands are territory belonging to the United States and that the United States government must govern the archi Mr. Hoar spoke with deliberation scarcely with his usual forcefulness, requested his colleagues not to interrupt in the course of his speech, indicating the state of his health rendered it unhe should enter into a run-Extracts from his remarks

found in another column, e course of his remarks Mr. Hoar a paragraph from a recent speech Tillman (S. C.), in which the latter had said that the people of the south had shot negroes, stuffed ballot boxes and flually had taken from the negro the rights granted by the fourteenth and fifteenth

Amendments,

Mr. Hoar declined to yield, saying: "I have alluded to the senator from South Carolina only to quote his own words and to say that he is beyond all question one of the most powerful and conspicuous leaders of the democratic party. I take it the senator does not consider that as an aspersion." (Laughter.)

## COMMITTEE NOTES.

The House committee on commerce today directed a favorable report on a substitute for various bills increasing the pay of life savers. The substitute allows \$70 per month on the great lakes and \$65 at coast points, in lieu of the present rate of \$60 at A large and influential delegation from

oston, including Mayor Hart and ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin, was before the river and harbor committee today to urge the construction of a safe, wide and deep channel from Boston to the sea, at least 35 feet deep and 2,000 feet wide. Although the committee took no formal action on the request. Chairman Burton stated that a survey for the Boston project undoubted-ly will be recommended by the committee. by will be recommended by the committee.

Dr. Hugh France continued his testimony before the Coeur d'Alene investigation today. It was directed mainly to showing the care taken of those prisoners sent to the hospital, and the substantial character of the food serval.

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The bill recommended by Attorney General Griggs, intended to remedy certain defects of legal administration developed in connection with the case of ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter, was informally discussed today by the House committee on judiciary. It was decided to print the recent decision of Judge Brown, the recommendations of the Attorney General and other information, preparatory to passive or the ns of the Attorney General and other formation, preparatory to passing on the

## WEARING SPANISH SHOES.

### Where Many American Soldiers Get Their Footgear.

The average American citizen will doubtless be surprised to know that Spanish manufacturers are furnishing the American soldiers in the Philippine Islands with a large proportion of the shoes they wear. According to a recent letter written by the French consul at Manila to the "Revue du Commerce Exterior" of Paris, France, this is the fact. An extract from the letter named, which was furnished to the press today by the division of customs and insu-lar affairs of the War Department, says:

"Shoes form one of the chief articles of commerce at Manila since the entrance of the American troops. The large number of regulars or volunteers are forced to con-Stantly renew their footwear; so far Snanmanufacturers have mainly profited by

this trade.
"The few tailors now established in the "The few tailors now established in the city have been overwhelmed with orders, which, for want of capable workmen, they have been unable to fill. The American army 'today forms their chief clientele. Uniforms of white, and especially khaki, are made everywhere in proportion as troops arrive from the United States or return to Manila from the front.

turn to Manila from the front.
"Suits of cloth or light wool are ordered from the few European tailors. It is difficult to find out just what the amount of importation of these cloths is, but the kind in France for summer wear for this climate. A light ought to be especially manufacture or tropical countries, where the warr moist temperature requires the use of terials extremely thin, but at the time calculated to ward off chills."

## Sent to the National Museum.

Admiral Dewey has added to his collection on deposit at the National Museum the large silver vase presented to him by the city of Savannah last month. DAUGHTERS OF 1812.

Mr. Mudd has submitted to the House the favorable report of the District committee on House bill 8067, to incorporate the National Society of United States Daughters Eighteen Hundred and Twelve. The bill provides that Mrs. Flora Adams Darling of New York, Mrs. William Garry Slade of New York, Mrs. Louis W. Hall of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Edward Roby of Illinois, Mrs. M. A. Ludin of New York, Mrs. Le Roy Sunderland Smith of New York, Miss Helen G. Balley of New Hampshire, Mrs. Alfred

G. Balley of New Hampshire, Mrs. Alfred Russell of Michigan, Mps. William Lee of Massachusetts, Mrs. William Tod Heimuth of New York, Mrs. Nelson V. Titus of Massachusetts, their associates and successors, are created a body politic in the District of Columbia by the name of the National Society of United States Daughters of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve for patriotic, historical, educational and benevolent purposes, the objects of which are as follows:

"To perpetuate the memory and spirit of "To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who the men and women who were identified with the war of 1812 by publication of me-moirs of famous women of the United States during that period, and the investi-

States during that period, and the investigation, preservation and publication of authentic records of men in the military, naval and civil service of the United States during the said period; by making the society one of the factors of educational and patriotic progress, and by the promotion and erection of a house or home where the descendants of the zealous and brave patriots who achieved American Independence who have need of such a home may be sheltered from the storms of life."

The society is authorized to hold real and personal estate, so far only as may be necessary to its lawful ends, to an amount not exceeding \$200,000, and may adopt a constitution and make by-laws not inconsistent with law, and may adopt a seal.

## NICARAGUAN CANAL.

Two Petitions for a Rule for the Bill's Consideration.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, today filed with the Speaker a petition signed by 125 republicans of the House, asking for a rule for the consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill May 1. At the same time Mr. Adamson of Georgia, a minority member of the committee, presented a similar petition signed by 125 democrats.

# BELFAST LINENS IN CUBA.

Now Given a Chance to Compete With Spanish Products.

The division of customs and insular affairs of the War Department made public today a very interesting extract from a etter written in January last by United States Consul Trouvelle, on the revival of the textile trade of Belfast, Ireland, with Cuba. In the course of his remarks the ensul uses the words of a local linen manufacturer to pay a handsome tribute to the able and enlightened manner with which the United States has governed Cuba.

Consul Trouvelle says: "There is a proounced improvement in the textile trade ere, which is attributed to the reopening the Cuban market. Prior to the Spanish-American war manufacturers of linens were everely handicapped in the struggle severely handicapped in the struggle to compete with Spanish producers for two reasons: First, the high import on entrance into Cuba; and, second, the cost of remitting in bills of exchange on London, which the purchasers in Cuba had to pay in gold, while remittances to Spain were made in Spanish currency, which cost much less. "The result was that Belfast linens were driven out of the Cuban markets. Some of the merchants established factories in Spain in the effort to remedy this state of things, but without success. The result of

Spain in the effort to remedy this state of things, but without success. The result of the war, with the revised and justly executed tariff, alters the whole condition of affairs, and Beifast shippers are now able to compete successfully with Spanish or other foreign manufacturers. The improved cendition of credit in Cuba is gratifying. It is remarkable that Cuban merchants have been through the year remitting promptly for their purchases, so that delay and difficulty are disappearing. To use the words of a local linen merchant, all these things are surely a tribute to the wise, able and enlightened government of that country by, the United States."

Mr. Young has introduced a bill in the House (H. R. 19777) providing that in every executive department of the United States government, and in each and every branch thereof, whether reached by competitive or on-competitive examinations under the civil service laws (in which case the rules and regulations affecting the same shall so provide), honorably discharged soldiers, sallors or marines who served as such between April 12, 1861, and August 26, 1865, or in the recent war with Spain or in the Phil-ippine Islands, they being otherwise duly qualified, shall be certified and preferred for appointment to and retention in employfor appointment to and retention in employ-ment in the public service, and for promo-tion therein. Age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not in fact incapacitate shall not disqualify them, pro-vided they possess the business capacity necessary to discharge the duties of the po-sition involved. And persons thus pre-ferred shall not be removed from their po-sitions except for good cause, upon charges and after a hearing.

# The Baku Oil Fields.

A complete history of the operations last year of the Baku oil fields is supplied to the State Department by United States Consul Chambers, at Batun, Russia. The report contains careful analysis of statistics relaive to the Russian oil fields and makes it appear that the cost of production of the oil is simply increasing, an important fact, towever, in view of the close competition of these Russian oil fields with the American extralegm industry.

## Assignment of Officers.

Officers recently promoted have been asigned to regiments as follows:

Capt. Henry J. Hunt to the 11th Infantry. apt. Charles Miller to the 2d Infantry apt. John R. Seyburn to the 22d Infantry. apt. Truman O. Murphy to the 19th Infantry, First Lieutenant James B. Allison the 6th Infantry, First Lieutenant John . DeWitt to the 25th Infantry, First Lieu-L. DeWitt to the 25th Infantry, First Lieu-tenant Charles E. Morton to the 16th In-fantry, First Lieutenant Van Leer Wills jo the 8th Infantry, First Lieutenant Ethel-bert L. D. Breckinridge to the 16th Infan-try, First Lieutenant Garrison McCaskey to the 12th Infantry.

## Naval Movements.

The nautical sea school ship Saratoga has errived at Philadelphia and is preparing to all about the 1st of June on a cruise to Europe, with the Philadelphia Marine

The Scindia sailed today from Hong Kong

The Scindia sailed today from Hong Kong to Manila.

The Marcellus has arrived at Key West. The training ship Dixie has sailed from Naples for Port Said.

The raval tug Potomac sailed on the 12th of this month from Nipe, Cuba, direct for Boston. It is expected that with fair weather she will reach her destination to morrow. morrow.

The Yosemite arrived at Yokohama to-

## Gen. Gillmore III. Gen. John C. Gillmore, adjutant general at headquarters of the army, is seriously

ill at his home in this city.

Boers Relying on Webster Davis. LONDON, April 17.-The Lourenco Mar-quez correspondent of the Daily Mail, tel-

graphing Sunday, April 15, says; "The tone f the Standard and Diggers' News shows that the Transvaal government is relying strongly upon American intervention. Great results are expected from the campaign Webster Davis and from the president

Representative Littaeur Renominated The republicans of the twenty-second

congressional district of New York yesterday renominated Representative Lucius N. Littaeur. Leslie W. Russell and William W. Worden were elected delegates to the national convention. Resolutions were adopted reaffirming the St. Louis platform and indorsing President McKinley and Gov.

# Report to Incorporate the National Bullet Passes Between the Scalp and

The police of the ninth precinct were called to A street northeast between 4th and 5th streets about noon today, where small colored boy, named John H. Williams, had been shot in the head. It is alleged that the boy, who is twelve years old, was walking along A street carrying some clothes which his mother wanted taken to her home, No. 241 3d street southwest, to be laundered. There were som boys in a shed in rear of 100 5th street shot the colored boy, using an air rifle. His mother went with him to the ninth

It was discovered, upon examination, that the small leaden missile passed from one side of the boy's head to the other benot care to be taken away in the wager his mother was directed to take him to th Casualty Hospital, which she promised to

precinct station and reported the affair to

Casualty Hospital, which she promised to do, but the two had not reached there two hours after the shooting occurred.

The police ascertained that there were several white boys in the shed in rear of the 5th street house, and one of them is alleged to have remarked, "Let's shoot the first Indian that comes along." The little Williams boy, it is alleged, proved to be the Indian, so far as they were concerned. Lieut. Daley detailed Precinct Detective Williams on the case, and he is looking for the boy who used the parlor rifle.

### CONFERS WITH POLICE.

Sheriff Investigating the Affray at Cabin John Bridge.

Sheriff Williams of Montgomery county, who called at police headquarters las night and conferred with Inspector Boardman about the case of Aloysius Johnson who was assaulted at Cabin John bridge and seriously injured Sunday night, called again this morning. Detectives Peck and Herndon have been busy on the case since yesterday morning. They have followed many clues given them, but late this after noon they had not succeeded in finding the man who inflicted the supposed fatal blow Because of the number of fights alleged to have occurred in the vicinity of the bridge Sunday the detectives say they have a de-cidedly up-hill job. This afternoon, they

cidedly up-hill job. This afternoon, they stated, they had learned of something like twenty different fights which occurred about the neighborhood of the bridge Sunday afternoon and night.

It was alleged this afternoon that Johnson was struck with a beer bottle and not with a loaded cane, as has been stated. The detectives are still at work on the case, assisting the Maryland authorities.

It is reported that the Montgomery county officials will proceed against the proprietors of the hotel at Cabin John for alleged violations of the liquor law Sunday.

## MET CATTLE TRUST'S BLUFF.

Gen. Wood Brings Insolent Havana Monopoly to Book.

A dispatch from Havana yesterday says Acting Mayor Estrada Mora visited Gan. Wood at a late hour last evening to inform him that in consequence of the recent ac tion of the Havana municipality and of Gen. Ludlow in breaking down the monop oly in the use of the slaughter house, held in trust for the cattle dealers, the latter had threatened not to supply any more meat, asserting that they had a monopoly of cattle and could entirely cut off the mea supply in Havana. Moreover, according to Senor Mora's statement, the cattle dealers had threatened to make trouble at the slaughter house in case certain sections were thrown open to the public in accord ance with the order of the municipality Senor Mora asked Gen. Wood to send an American officer with the police to enforce

Gen. Wood told him to take thirty policamen and to occupy the slaughter house, keeping a section open to all who might wish to kill cattle there, and at the same time informing the members of the cattle trust that if they refused to supply cattle they would not be allowed in future to kill at the slaughter house.

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senor Mora was instructed to act upon his own prerogative as acting mayor, the governor general promising to sustain him throughout. These instructions were car-ried into execution and there was no trouble. Only one man, a member of the cattle trust, refused to kill, and he we

# Number.

Marshall, Charles J. Lang, Fredericka Pautzerbeiter, Lewis G. Freewalt, Henry R. Cohill and Ebenezer B. Ball were filed for probate in the office of the register of wills this afternoon. Maj. Ball, who died some time ago, was a relative of George Washngton. His estate is very small. The interest in his cigar business in the pension office is left to T. C. Barr.

Taking the Census. Census enumerators begin work June 1 and must finish in thirty days. Cities of 8,000 or more inhabitants as shown by preceding census must be completed in two The four principal reports-on pop-

weeks. The four principal reports—on population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures—must be printed by July 1, 1902. After that tabulation of special inquiries will be taken up. There is no time fixed in which these latter reports must be completed.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued a follows: White-Francis V. Robinson and Katha rine F. Howland; F. Lockland Hood and Ella B. Baker; Wm. P. Kyle and Mabel L.

Vaughn; Joseph E. Whitlow and Roberta E. Throckmorton, Richmond, Va.; Wm. P. Zantzinger and Fanny Lee Himes; John Patten Story, jr., and Jane Stone Abert; Benj. McAlwee and Bertha L. Stoddari, Richmond, Va.; Moses D. Nunnally and Balkis Thrift, Richmond, Va.; Wm. Redding and Leonora E. Merten; Harvey V. Holme and Sue L. Andrews, Richmond, Va.; Manly A. Hall and Sallie E. Yarborough, Richmond, Va.; Erasmus H. Melton and Blanche M. Stone, Richmond, Va.; A. T. Chalkley and Edlth M. Osborne, Richmond, Va.; M. Stone, Richmond, Va.; A. T. Chaikley and Edith M. Osborne, Richmond, Va.; A. T. Chaikley and Edith M. Osborne, Richmond, Va.; C. Floyd Christian and Bertha L. Bowles, Richmond, Va.; A. J. Gould, Chicago, and Nellie W. Lamkin, this city; Eugene T. Chamberlain, Washington, and Mary Lee Chapman, Baltimore; John Y. Lyons and Maggle H. Lewis, Petersburg, Va.; Wm. N. McFaul and M. Ellzabeth Cultrider, Baltimore; Stephen W. Gambrill, Boston, and Haddle D. Gorman, this city; Philip W. Brady and Carrie L. Stevner, Prince George's county, Md.; Julian B. Parnell and Bessie J. Montague; Thomas T. Dalhouse and Nora Lynn.

Colored—Ascetas Devaughn and Jane E. Brown; Jas. W. Offult and Nettie J. Burns; Joseph Tolson and Bertie Robinson; Felix Rapler and Agrage Willer W.

Joseph Tolson and Bertie Robinson; Felin Rapier and Agnes Wilson; Henry Twymar and Rosa Duncan; Robert Briggs and Mar. Hawkins; John D. Monroe and Nettie Jones

### Nominated by the President. The President today nominated Hiram H. Folsom of Alaska, to be a commissioner in and for the district of Alaska, to reside at

ROME, April 17.—An anarchist plot has been discovered at Ancona, a city and free port of central Italy, on the Adriatic, 185 miles by railroad northeast of Rome. The police seized a number of letters from Paris and America and arrested the recipients of

Juneau.

Secretary Root Opens Cuban Festival. The national Easter festival of the Cuban Orphan Society was formally opened at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York last night. Secretary Root made the address dedivorce from her husband, John Wiggins. claring the festival open. He was followed by Lieut. Gov. Woodruff, who delivered an address, setting forth the objects of the af-fair. The decree, which is signed by Justice

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

CHARLES L. MOUIN CHARGED WITH KILLING ROBERT TURNER.

Proceedings Open This Morning in

Criminal Court No. 1-Objections by Counsel.

In Criminal Court No. 1 today, Justice H. M. Clabaugh presiding, Charles L. Mc-Uin, a young white man, formerly employed as a motorman by the Metropolitan Railroad Company, was placed on trial, charged with the murder of Robert E. Turner December 28 last. It is alleged that jealousy prompted the trouble that occurred between the two men, resulting in the killing of the deceased. Both men were paying attentions, it is said, to Miss Bertha Crown, and the homicide took place in her presence, it is asserted, at No. 101

11th street northeast. The defendant, McUin, is represented by Mr. Tracy L. Jeffords and Representative James D. Richardson of Tennessee, from whose congressional district McUin halls. The government's case is handled by Gen. Thos. Anderson, United States district at-

Thos. Anderson, United States district attorney, and Mr. Ashley M. Gould, assistant United States attorney.

When the trial was begun, shortly after 10 o'clock, the court room was well filled, every seat being occupied and a number of people standing. Upon the offering of the papers in the case for filing Mr. Jeffords of counsel for the accused objected to the lists of jurors and of witnesses, and the return of a service of indictment upon the defendant. He contended that these papers had not been served in proper form. Gen. Anderson argued to the contrary, and asked that the papers be allowed to go in as they were. o go in as they were. Justice Clabaugh said that if Mr. Jeffords

Justice Clabaugh said that if Mr. Jeffords would make the statement in open court that his client had not received a copy of the indictment he would sustain the objection and not allow the jury to be sworn.

Mr. Jeffords said he had no statement to make. Thereupon the objection was overruled, an exception being noted by the defense.

The examination of jurymen was then proceeded with. . Panel Exhausted.

The jury panel of twenty-six men was exhausted without the selection of twelve satisfactory to both sides. When court adjourned at 12:30 o'clock there were eleven men in the jury box, fifteen having been ex cused for various reasons. The defense challenged peremptorily five jurymen, and has fifteen additional challenges should it care to exercise them. The government made one challenge of this character, and is entitled to four more.

A panel has been summoned to appear in court lower to the character of the court lower to the character. court tomorrow morning, when the work of securing a jury will continue.

## POLITICS IN WEST VIRGINIA.

S. L. Flournay Candidate for Nomina-tion on Democratic Ticket. A dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., says that S. L. Flournay of Kanawha county has come to the fore in the past few days as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination on the democratic ticket. The plan is backed by influential democrats in all parts of the state, and has caused much aneasiness among the friends of Virgil A. Lewis and Judge L. N. Tavenner, who thus far have had things about their own way in the various delegate conventions and primaries. Mr. Flournay has not spoken publicly on the matter, but a statement from him is said to be in preparation.

Mr. L. A. Martin, who has been canvassing the third district for the republican congressional nomination, has announced his withdrawal, giving for his reason the recent development of a serious throat affection which renders him incapable of straking in public peaking in public The republican primaries in Tucker county

on Saturday, sent a delegation to the second district congressional convention, of which Congressian Dayton will get at least two-thirds, under instructions.

## ENGINEER L. H. HYER MISSING. Lost Off the Steamer Jarl En Route From Bluefields.

L. H. Hyer, a United States engineer, recently engaged in the preliminary survey of the route of the Nicaragua canal, lost his life yesterday off South Pass. He was a passenger on the steamer Jarl, from Bluefields, and was on his way to Washington. formed that he would not be allowed to use the slaughter house again.

WILLS FOR PROBATE.

That of Major E. B. Ball Among the Number.

Harry F. Slagle, who claims to have de-veloped for patent in February, 1899, a bicycle brake and coaster device, brought suit today against DeWitt C. Farrington. with whom he became associated in the exploitation of the invention, asking for an ecounting, the dissolution of the partnership alleged to be in existence, and that receiver be appointed to take charge of the money and shares of stock in the Fi-delity Manufacturing Specialty Company. The Second National Bank, where, it is alleged, Farrington has deposited \$0,165, re-alized from the invention, is made party defendant, to prevent the paying out of the money. Leon Tobriner represents the

# Escape From Reformatory.

Five colored boys escaped from the reormatory at Cheltonham, Prince George's Md., Sunday afternoon. names were given to the local police today as James Chase, Alonzo Taliaferro, Garfield Potter, Benjamin Kerr and Richard Jones Deese. Superintendent Thompson has asked the police here to look out for the fugi-

## Foreign Missions.

The ecumenical conference of foreign missions will convene in New York city Friday next. A large representation of the members of the various denominational Women's Foreign Missionary societies of Washington will be in attendance. A special car for their accommodation will leave via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at 10 o'clock a.m. Friday, and another will go Saturday, the

The headquarters for Washington repre-sentatives will be at the Endicott Hotel, 81st street and Columbus avenue.

## Plea for Divorce.

Proceedings for divorce were today instiuted by Mary Frances Melonds against ner husband, Jeremiah Melonds, Thomas Walker being solicitor for the complainant. The wife sets forth that upon one occasion when she gently remonstrated with her husband as to his alleged misdoings he beat her over the head and face and was trying to throw her out of an up-stairs front window when a neighbor broke open the door and ran to her assistance. On another occasion she says she was about to be thrown down the steps by her hus-band, when again the neighbors interfered o save her.

Decree of Divorce.

Margaret Wiggins was today granted a

Barnard, awarded Mrs. Wiggins the cus-tody of her two children.

### Agreement Among Employes. Senator Thurston has introduced a bill to Hoke Smith Sells His Paper. imit the meaning of the word 'conspiracy,' A dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., yesterday and also the use of restraining orders as says: Hoke Smith sold his interest in the applied to disputes between employers and Atlanta Journal today to H. M. Atlans employes, especially those engaged in in-terstate commerce. The bill provides that Morris Brandon and J. R. Gray of Atlanta

for \$159,000. The minority stockholders also disposed of their holdings. The amount no agreement, combination or contract with reference to any act in contemplation or involved in the entire transaction is \$276. furtherance of any trade dispute shall be deemed criminal, and also provides that those engaged in such acts shall not be in-Mr. Atkinson is president of the Georgia Mr. Arkinson is president of the Georgia Electric Light Company, the Southern Banking and Trust Company, the Tifton, Thomasville and Gulf railroad and the Union Lumber Company, and is connected with several other Atlanta enterprises. dictable for the crime of conspiracy if such acts committed by any one person would not be so punishable. It is also provided that no such act shall be considered as in restraint of trade.

Nominations Confirmed. The Senate yesterday confirmed the following nominations: Captain Silas W. Terry, to be a rear admiral; Charles E. Barnes of Illinois, to be consul at Cologne.

Postmasters: Pennsylvania—Wm. Krause,
Richland Center; F. G. Pennell, Mountjoy.

SHOULD BE REFUSED.

FOR SALE AND PARTITION.

erty Owned by Non-Residents.

SIZE OF THE COTTON CROP.

knowledge of which is more interesting and

important to the southern people than the

NORTHERN PACIFIC TERMINUS.

Decided by the Supreme Court to Be

In opinions handed down yesterday the

United States Supreme Court decided that

COST OF PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The President Sends a Statement to

the Senate.

he President has sent to the Senate a

itemized statement of the expenses of the

recent Philippine commission. The state-

pensation of \$10,000 each to Commissioner:

Schurman, Worcester and Denby, \$30,000;

per diem allowance to commissioners after

secretary to commission (compensation, \$8,500; per diem, \$3,600), \$12,220; transporta-

tion, \$13,687; household expenses in Manila, \$9,252; clerical services, \$31,701; miscella-

The President also transmits with his

retary Hay that provision be made for the

payment to the naval and military mem-bers of the commission (Admiral Dewey and General Otis), for their services at the same rate as that paid to the other mem-bers. He says they have received nothing for their services in excess of their regular

WILL BE MARKED WITH POMP.

Plans for the Inauguration of Porto

The President and Secretary Long have

determined that the inauguration of the

civil government in Porto Rico shall be

marked with as much pomp as is befitting an event of that magnitude. The United

States steamer Dolphin, which will carry Mr. Allen to San Juan, will enter the har-

bor there escorted by the entire North At-

lantic squadron, under the command of

Rear Admiral Farquhar, on his flagship

New York. The squadron is now at Ber

muda, and will time its movements so as to

arrive off the north coast of Porto Rico

about the time the Dolphin is sighted.

to the naval and military

dorsement a recommendation from

neous, \$14,998; total, \$117,185.

their return to the United States, \$5,285;

nent includes the following items: Com-

Complying with a resolution of inquiry

lands in Wisconsin

Ashland and Not Duluth.

the District.

Attorney Duvall's Opinion Respecting Proceedings Affecting Certain Prop-Permit for Apartment House By bill in equity filed today by Charles The application for a permit to erect an apartment house on lots 29 and 30, square bounded by 24th and 25th and M and N Matthewa Keleher and others, by their solicitor, Mr. W. Mosby Williams, against streets, in the opinion of the attorney for the District, should be refused. It is stated Edwardina S. Warren and seventy other defendants, the court is asked to appoint that the plan provides for thirty-four septrustees to sell for the purposes of partition part of lot 9 in square 576, fronting 56 arate dwellings or apartments, two fronting feet on Maryland avenue and 91 feet on 24th street, and the remainder on an interior court eighteen feet wide, access to 1st street and the circle opposite Garfield which is to be had through a covered enstatue at the foot of the Capitol. The bill, which is quite lengthy, alleges that the trance from 24th street. The application property is being used for stable purposes, was referred to the attorney for an opinion and it is understood the government rents
the same. It is said the property is worth
about \$25,000. A portion of it, the bill
alleges, was condemned in 1878 for the
United States for the completion of the

was referred to the attorney for an opinion as to whether or not the proposed construction would be in conflict with section 126 of the building regulations.

This section, the attorney states, is intended to prevent the undue crowding of living tenements and to secure a sufficiency of light and air for such tenements. He is of the opinion that its provisions are not limited to public alleys, as it makes it unlawful to erect a dwelling house on or along any alley less than thirty feet in width. The court in the case referred to him, says the attorney, will be less than thirty feet wide, and in effect a private alley. Therefore, he is of the opinion that the proposed construction would be unlawful, and for that reason he advises the Commissioners to refuse to grant the desired permit. Among the defendants is the Washington Loan and Trust Company, trustee, and it is said one of the defendants is in Eng-land, one in France, one in the Philippines and a number of others non-residents of The Census Bureau Will Collect Returns From the Gins.

There is probably no single fact the

## SHARP WORDS EXCHANGED.

cene During the Idaho Mining In-

amount of the cotton crop. From the bequiry Hearing. ginning of planting until the last bale of a An exciting controversy occurred at the crop has appeared in the market there are afternoon session of the House committee hundreds, if not thousands, of eyes studying investigating the Idaho mining troubles the subject most carefully. The govern yesterday, when the petition to the Secre-tary of War from several hundred citizens ment, by its agricultural reporters, endeavers to ascertain the acreage and condition; of the Coeur d'Alene district, asking for several private agencies and newspapers the retention of federal troops, was pre-sented in evidence. Representative Sulzer perform the same service; transportation companies report the amount carried by denounced the petition as "bogus and fraudtheir several lines; forecasters, more or less ulent," declaring that many of the signainfluenced by a desire to see the crop larger tures were forgeries and that other names or smaller than it really is, send out their had been secured by intimidation. He asked estimates. From all these estimates. as vato introduce affidavits attacking the peti-

or smaller than it really is, send out their estimates. From all these estimates as various in method as they are in authority and in result, the planter has to form his own judgment whether to sell at the ruling prices or wait for better terms; and upon them turns the speculation in the great commercial marts.

The present methods of ascertaining the magnitude of the cotton crop are unsatisfactory. Two estimates, made by equally good observers, but based upon ocular observation of a few cotton fields in each county, reduced to an average, may be hundreds of thousands of bales apart. And it is inevitable, where there is local consumption of cotton, that a considerable part of the crop will not be reported under any system, however thorough, of counting the bales as they pass over transportation lines. There is one method of ascertaining the amount of the crop exactly, for there is one process, that of ginning, to which all cotton for any commercial or industrial use whatever must be subjected. If one could obtain from all the cotton gins of the country reports of the amount of staple they have turned out the precise aggregate of the whole crop would be known.

It is proposed to apply this process in taking the tweifth census, the field work of which is to begin on the list of June. An expert special agent has been appointed, whose sole duty will be to obtain returns from all the conton-growing region. No ginnery is too small or insignificant to be visited and asked for a return. The information which is sought is so manifestly for the benefit of the southern people—so almost exclusively for their benefit—that the enumerators and special agents of the census office will doubtless meet with the most cordial and helpful co-operation on the part of the ginners. had been secured by intimidation. He asked to introduce affidayits attacking the petition, but after an animated controversy these were ruled out, the vote being on party lines. A motion by Mr. Sulzer calling on the President for affidayits bearing on the petition was similarly voted down by the committee.

Mr. Sulzer sharply commented on the course of the majority, and his exchanges with Acting Chairman Marsh were at times personal and emphatic. Messrs. Sulzer and Capron also had several wordy colloquies.

Dr. Hugh France, who is regarded as an important witness, as he acted as coroner when the Bunker Hill mill was blown up, and shared with Bartlett Sinclair in the direction of affairs following that event, was graduated from Bellevue Hospital, New York, and went to Wardner in 1892. He denied being in the employ of the Bunker Hill mine, as had been alleged, and said he was chosen by the miners as their physician and surgeon, receiving his pay from them. He described the warfare between the union and non-union men, culminating with the march on the Bunker Hill mine and the dynamiting of the concentrator.

Dr. France defended the work of the coroner's jury against criticism made during the testimony and explained the regularity of the various steps taken.

## SKULL FRACTURED.

Colored Laborer Assaults Another With a Crowbar.

Peter Miller, a colored laborer, thirty-one years old, whose home is at 3728 Prospect street, Georgetown, was seriously assaulted today while at work on the Washington ners.

It is a pity that such a return as is proand Great Falls electric road, about one and a half miles from Georgetown. It is It is a pity that such a return as is pro-posed cannot be made every year. But it will be well if the country can have one cor-rect statement of the crop; and it is espe-cially desirable that the verification shall be made in respect to a crop regarding which there has been so much controversy as has arisen about the crop of 1809. said he had an altercation with another colored man, who was also employed there who, it is claimed, assaulted him with a crowbar. The injured man's skull, it is

who, it is claimed, assaulted him with a crowbar. The injured man's skull, it is reported, was fractured.

Miller was brought to Georgetown on a car. He was able to walk to the Georgetown University Hospital. Drs. Vaughn and McNamee, who made an examination, found that there was a fracture of his skull. The police are looking for the injured man's assailant.

## NATIONAL BIBLICAL CONGRESS.

Ashland, Wis., and not Duluth, Minn., is Large Attendance at the Opening Seasion in Foundry Church. he eastern terminus of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. The principal of The opening session of the national bibthese cases was that of Doherty against ical congress, which began at 2:45 o'clock the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. this afternoon at the Foundry M. E. Church, was largely attended and the in-Doherty resides in Douglas county, Wisconsin, residing on a tract of land acquired erest evinced by churchmen of various by him in 1882 under the homestead law. protestant denominations present from all The Northern Pacific Railroad Company parts of the country in their exchanges of parts of the country in their exchanges of sentiment before the regular program com-menced augured well for substantial re-sults. Gen. John Eaton, president of the American Society of Religious Education, under whose auspices the congress is held, presided, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. N. Keig-win, of the Wilmington, Del., Presbyterian Church. constructed its road across this land, claimconstructed its road across this land, claiming a right of way under its cession by Congress in 1864. Doherty contended that the railway company definitely located its eastern terminus at Duluth in 1872 by the purchase of an interest in the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company from Thomson Junction to Duluth, but the Wisconsin state supreme court refract tes

Thomson Junction to Duluth, but the Wisconsin state supreme court refused to accept this view, and the opinion handed down yesterday affirmed that opinion. It was, therefore, held that the railroad had right of way under the original act over the Washington district of the Baltimore M. E. Church. The call for the meeting and the objects of the congress were announced by the secretary, Rev. Dr. J. E. Gilbert.

The papers to be read during the after-The papers to be read during the atter-noon are "The Bible, the Sword of the Spirit," by Rev. Dr. Byron Sunderland of this city, and "Bible Truths for Every Period of Life," by Rev. Dr. J. L. Sooy of Wheeling, W. Va. Wheeling, W. Va.
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The session this evening will be presided over by President J. E. Rankin of Howard University and Representative J. W. Stokes of South Carolina. Rev. F. Power of this city will conduct the devotions. Rev. George E. Reed, D. D., president of Dickinson College, will speak on "The Achievements of the Bible," and Bishop J. W. Hott of the United Brethren Church on "The Bible and the Welfare of the Church."

## Guilty of Larceny.

Frank Jackson, colored, was today found guilty of larceny from the person in Crimnal Court No. 2. Justice Cole presiding Jackson, according to the testimony, stole a pocket book, containing about \$5, from Flora Williams. He was remanded to jail to await sentence.

## Ends in Death

Aloysius Johnson, the young man who was knocked down and injured Sunday night by some one unknown, at Cabin John bridge, died at the Georgetown University Hospital this afternoon at 2:40 o'clock. The favorable symptoms noted earlier in the day were of but brief duration.

### Going Away Thursday. As the President is going away Thursday will devote tomorrow to consideration of the business that is most pressing.

Government Bonds. Bid. Asked.

## Baltimore Markets.

about the time the Dolphin is sighted.

Gov. Allen will be inaugurated at San Juan May 1, and Gen. Davis, the military governor, will turn out all of the United States troops under his command in honor of the occasion. The ships of the squadron will fire salutes, which will be answered by the shore batteries. There will be some speeches, and at night the fleet will use its electric lights, and there will be general illuminations. Baltimore Markets.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 17.—Flour quiet, unchanged; receipts, 12,810 harrels; exports, 1,298 barrels.

Wheat weak; spot and April, 72a72½, May, 72½; Why, 73½a73½; steamer No. 2 red, 67½a67½; receipts, 25,826 bushels; southern wheat by sample, 684a73½; do. on grade, 68½a72½; core laster; spot and April, 43½a43½; May, 43½a43½; steamer mix, 42,857 bushels; southern white corn, 44a4¼; do. 42½a42½; receipts, 12,949 bushels; exports, 42,857 bushels; southern white corn, 44a4¼; do. 42½a3½; receipts, 12,949 bushels; exports, 42,857 bushels; southern white corn, 44a4¼; do. 90½a3i; No. 2 mixed, 28½a29. Rys steady; No. 2 white, 50½a3i; No. 2 mixed, 28½a29. Rys steady; No. 1 timothy, \$18 bid. Grain freights very quiet, unchanged. Sugar and eggs firm, unchanged. Cheese, large, 12a12½; medium, 12½a12½; small, 12½a12½; committed of the control of

# Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets CHICAGO, April 17.—Grain: Open. High. Low. Close. Open. High. Low. Close. Wheat—May. 68% 5 66% 5 66% 66% Solution 68 08 38% 5 88% Oorn—May. 89% 59% 38% 38% July 40% 40% 30% 30% 30% Oats—May. 23% 23% 23% July 23% 23% 23% 23% Low. 12.82 13.02 7.25 7.22 7.20 7.17 July 7.30 NEW YORK, April 17.—Cott Open. May 9.48 July 9.48 August 9.29 October 8.13

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Prospect of Better Things for

Some Meritorious Properties.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, April 17 .- As was to have

een expected, the Steel stocks were the center of interest at the opening of today's stock market. Sharp declines were reflected in the initial transactions, but an attempt to cover outstanding short contracts forced a rally in a majority of the active issues. The severe criticism of the officials of several of the Steel properties probably detracted from the aggressiveness of today's sales, but yesterday's decline will keep the general market unsettled for a Manipulation was in evidence in various

parts of the list, the latest form being to

depress the railroad group in order to facilitate covering in the industrials. The attack yesterday had little effect upon Sugar, Tobacco and similar issues and the depressing tactics were consequently turned against these shares with some result. The Pacific group was under pressure, as were also the dividend paying shares. Pennsylvania, New York Central and the Grangers were in good supply at all times.

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The professional element was badly mixed on the outlook and sold stocks rather freely at times, on the theory that the liquidation of large interests was no longer a secret, and that weakly held accounts were being forced out. There was no positively discouraging news, the market being weak simply because of lack of support and its extreme sensitiveness to attack.

Money loaned at 3 per cent and was abundant at all times during the day. Earnings were reasonably good from all sources, and, in fact, all conditions outside of Wall street were out of harmony with the course of the market. Local speculative conditions and a better bear organization are to be credited with the depression.

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pression.
Stop orders were plentiful in nearly all the recently active issues and were a considerable factor in the late depression. Instead of a good commission house demand business from such sources was largely in the other account.

The London demand was chilled by yesterday's episode, and relief from that source was not forthcoming. The increase in the short account may make a rally later in the week, but the public faith in the market is badly shaken.

the week, but the public faith in the market is badly shaken.

Transactions have not always been capa-ble of acceptable explanations and inside in-terests are confronted with the alternative of a long holding or of selling out to each other. Dread of the latter has resulted in some hurrying to sell before the process is recognized. some nurrying to self before the process a recognized.

If recent gossip as to new consolidations should be given official sanction a few stocks will be able to disentangle them-selves from the general market and reap the benefits of the new economies. Selling on railies will in all likelihood be the more general action, however.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market.
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win, of the Wilmington, Del., Presbyterian Church.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Lucien Clarke, presiding elder of the Washington district of the Religious Federal Steel.

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Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock m. U. S. 2s. registered, \$500 at 109½, \$1,500 at 109½, U. S. 2s. coupon, \$840 at 110. D. C. 3,65s, \$1,000 at 120. Coumbla Ratitood \$s.,\$500 at 109½, National Safe Deposit and Trust, 10 at 1335, 10 at 1335. Real Estate Title Insurance, 4 at \$85\$, 10 at 1335. Real Estate Title Insurance, 4 at \$85\$, 10 at 1335. Real Incaton, 10 at 1025, 10 at 1025, 12 at 1025, 10 at 1025, 5 at 54½, \$5 at 1025, \$6 at 1334, \$6 at 1334, \$6 at 134, \$6 at 1

bid, 80 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 70
Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 30 bid. Franklin, 40 bid. Metropolitan, 80 bid, 90 asked. Corcoran, 62 bid. Potomac, 75 bid. Arlington, 151 bid, 156 asked. German-American, 210 bid. National Union, 12 bid, 13½ asked. Columbia, 12½ bid. People's, 6½ bid, 6½ asked. Columbia, 12½ bid. People's, 111 bid.
Title Insurance Stocks.—Real 22 nisi, 111 bid.

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Gas Stocks.—Washington Gas, 254½ bid, 54½ asked. Georgetown Gas, 56 bid. Gas Stocks.—Washington Gas, x54½ bld, 54½ ask-ed. Georgetown Gas, 56 bld.
Telephone Stocks.—Chesnpeake and Potomac, x65 asked. Pennsylvania, 36 bld.
Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotypa, 153½ bld, 133% asked. Lanston Monotype, 15½ bld, 13% asked. American Graphophone, 11½ bld, 11% asked. American Graphophone preferred, 13 bld, 13½ asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 21 bld, 23 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 140 bld. x Ex. dividend.

An Alaskan Reservation.

The-President has announced the res vation of about 25,600 acres of public land located at the mouth of Mission creek at Eagle City, Alaska, for military purposes.